(ii) establishment of Brackish water Fish Farmers Development Agencies in the districts of Balasore, Ganjam and Puri to provide a package of technical, financial and extension support to the prawn farmers;

(iii) setting up of a prawn seed hatchery at Chandrabagha in Puri district;

(iv) macro and micro-level survey of potential brakishwater areas for identifying suitable areas for prawn farming under the proposed World Bank assisted shrimp culture project;

(v) strengthening of the technical wing in the Directorate of Fisheries for upgradatioon of technical man-power;

(vi) development of man-power resources through training of fisheries officials abroad in prawn farming; etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Brackishwater Shrimp and Fish Culture Project was negotiated for assistance with the World Bank during 25-27, November, 1991. The project agreement will be signed after the Bank's final approval is received. The Shrimp Culture Component of the Project envisages development of about 870 ha. brackishwater land in Orissa. Out of the total estimated investment of Rs. 260.4 crore for the Shrimp culture sub-project in Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal, the outlay for Orissa will be about Rs. 55.67 crore. The project in Orissa will cover 3 sites in the two coastal districts of Balasore and Cuttack for shrimp farming.

The project with a duration of 7 years is scheduled to be implemented from 1992-93 onwards.

Development of pisciculture in Arunachal Pradesh

1474. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Apatani Plateau" of Arunachal Pradesh has been selected for the development of pisciculture;

(b) whether Government have taken up any scheme for development of pisciculture in the State; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Pisciculture in about 500 hectares of paddy fields is proposed to be developed in 'Apatani Plateau' in Arunachal Pradesh during the current year by the State Government at a cost of Rupees 0.20 lakh.

(b) and (c) A Fish Farmers Development Agency (FFDA) has been set up in the State for the development of pisciculture. The agency selects suitable water area; arranges lease on long term basis to identified beneficiaries; provides incentives for renovation of tanks and ponds and input for first year for fish culture, besides, training of fish farmers and giving them extension support. So far, the agency has brought 22 hectares water area under pisciculture and trained 170 fish farmers in improved methods of fish farming. The average productivity is reported to be 1200 kg/ha/annum from Ponds and tanks in the State under FFDA Programme.

Production under operation flood

1475. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bloated columns of increase in production

under Operation Flood have now come to light;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the National Dairy Development Board has invented a theory of cyclic biological cycle to explain its claims of white revolution; and

(c) whether this cyclic biological cycle is a gloabal phenomenon; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Operation Flood Programme was launched in 1970. Estimated production of milk has increased from 20.7 million tonnes in 1969-70 to 54.9 million tonnes in 1990-91.

(b) The theory of biological cyclicity for milk production is well known and is an existing phenomenon in the country.

(c) Government have no information about the existence of biological cyclicity of milk production phenomenon in other parts of the World.

Rice production in Orissa

1476. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any steps for increasing rice production in the country;

(b) whether Government have introduced some special programmes in this regard;

(c) if so, whether any such programme has been launched in Orissa during the Seventh Plan; and

(d) the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored "Special Rice Production Programme" (SRPP) was launched in some identified blocks in Orissa from 1985-86. Another programme "Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Rice (SFPP-Rice) was also taken up during 1988-89 and 1989-90 in some selected districts.

(d) The implementation of SRPP & SFPP-Rice and other agricultural production oriented programmes have contributed in increasing the production of rice in Orissa.. The average annual production of rice in the State during the Seventh Plan period increased to 50.22 lakh tonnes as against 40.87 lakh tonnes achieved during the Sixth Plan period.

उत्तर काशी के भूकम्प पीड़ितों के लिए भेजे गये खाद्य पदार्थ

1477. डॉ० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हाल ही में उत्तरकाशी में आये भूकम्प से प्रभावित लोगों को सरकार द्वारा भेजे गये खाद्य पदार्थों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) निकट भविष्य में सरकार उन्हें जो पदार्थ भेजने का विचार रखती है उनका ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य को आवंटित खाद्यान्नों की मात्रा के अलावा राज्य सरकार को गेहूं और चावल प्रत्येक की 5,000 मीटरी टन की अतिरिक्त मात्रा आवंटित की गई ताकि भूकम्प से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में इनका वितरण किया जा सके।

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार, राज्य सरकार से अनुरोध प्राप्त कर लेने पर खाद्यान्नों की अतिरिक्त मात्रा का आवंटन करने पर विचार करेगी।